

Parables

Week 7

5/5/26

Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin

I. Hanging with the riff raff... again! (Luke 15:1-2)

- A. Who did Jesus Come For?
- B. A Story for All People

II. The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-7)

- A. Sheep are
 - 1. Helpless
 - 2. Fluffy and cute...
 - 3. But dumb!
- B. **We All Like Sheep Have Gone Astray:**
 - 1. Sheep get lost: they lay down and bleat for help
 - 2. Sheep get lost...but we often get lost on purpose!
- C. **The Heart of the Shepherd**
 - 1. Seeking
 - 2. Carrying
 - 3. REJOICING!
 - 4. We get to help the shepherd!

III. The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

- A. **The State of the Coin**
 - 1. Doesn't want to be found... why?
 - 2. Doesn't know it's lost!
- B. **The Source of Value:**
 - 1. The world gives value
 - 2. The world takes away value
 - 3. God's value determination doesn't change!
- C. **The Heart of the Woman seeking**
 - 1. Recognizes value
 - 2. Seeks out the coin with ALL she has
 - 3. REJOICING!
 - 4. We get to help seek!
- D. **Lostness doesn't determine value**
 - 1. What have lost?
 - 2. Do you want to be found?
 - 3. Do you want to be healed?

IV. Jesus' Power of the Grave (And Everything Else Too!)

- 1. If the grave is empty, then that changes everything!
- 2. What disqualifies you? Nothing!
- 3. What power does the enemy have over you? None!
- 4. What can Jesus actually restore in your life? Everything!
- 5. Let's celebrate and live like a found sheep!

LifeGroup Questions:

Ice Breaker: What is your best purchase this past year?

1. Where in your life do you feel most like a sheep? Is that a good thing or a bad thing?!
2. Sheep get stuck in the same ditches all the time. How do you think God reacts to that in your life?
Could there be an incorrect view of the fathers heart toward you, and if so, where did it come from?
3. Share a story of when God has shown mercy to you as a lost and dumb sheep!
4. The coin is valuable even if it doesn't know it! Share a time that was impactful for you when either God or someone else told you who you were and reminded you of your true value.
5. What do you think it looks like when "heaven rejoices" over a sinner who repents? In Luke 15, all 3 parables end with the person inviting those around him to "rejoice with me" over the found thing. Share something that your group can rejoice with you about that God has done in or through you!
6. (If you have time and wanna "go there"...) Share an area of your life that the enemy is trying to tell you who you are and determine your value. Spend some time praying for each other as a group.